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## TRIBUTE

Jay, you quietly slipped out of my life the other day without even saying good-bye. I know that God knows best, but, I often wonder why?

Jay, the angel of death came down and took you to a better place, where there is peace, quiet and amazing grace. Where all your pain and suffering has ceased and now you may rest in peace.

I have often questioned myself, "Why am I crying?" He is gone to a place where there is no more dying. He kept the faith, he put up a good fight. Now he is gone into the night.

Jay, I know you don't want us to shed a tear, but try to understand, to remember you by your smile, your caring and sharing for your fellowman. Now you are gone to that far away land to walk with Jesus hand in hand.

One thing I must say , we all must travel that road one day. Through all your pain and suffering the angel of death came and took you away, you just closed your eyes and slipped away without a struggle or fight. You just closed your eyes and slipped into the night. Good Night Jay. I love you.

Deloris Melson

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family would like to thank everyone for their help and kindness during their hour of bereavement.

## INTERMENT

RICHLAND CEMETERY

## OBITUARY

— for the late —

JAY H. MALONE

1924 - 1992



MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1992  
11:00 A. M.

**ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

179 East Ferry Street  
Buffalo, New York

†

The Reverend R. E. Baines, Officiating

## OBITUARY

Jay H. Malone was born September 6, 1924 to the late John and Willie B. Shelton Malone in Buffalo, New York.

Jay was no stranger to hard work and long hours. As a child, his first employment was with his late father, who owned and operated one of Buffalo's first African American Hardware Stores. Jay learned the skills of communication and laughter while working with the public. He demonstrated a love for mankind and he did not meet strangers. He loved life and was full of life; he lived his life day by day to the fullest. Jay obtained his education in the Buffalo Public School System; he enjoyed cross country running while in High School. He was a graduate of Fosdick Masten High School.

Jay accepted Christ as his personal Saviour at an early age; he attended the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church and later he attended the First Shiloh Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. E.J. Echols, Sr.

He met and married the late Mary Francis King in 1948. To this union was born, John C., Aaron J., and Michelle A. Malone.

Jay was employed by NFTA as one of Buffalo's first African American Bus and Street Car Operators. Jay was as enthusiastic about his work as he was with life, therefore, promotions on his job was natural. Shortly after being employed with the NFTA, he was promoted to an instructor. He was later employed with the city of Buffalo as an inspector with the Street and Sanitation Department. Jay retired in 1977

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....  
 Prayer.....Pulpit  
 Selection.....Choir  
 Scripture.....Pulpit  
 Selection.....Choir  
 Acknowledgement&Obituary.....JoAnn Hudson  
 Remarks.....Family/Friends  
 Solo.....Graham Shelton  
 Eulogy.....Rev. Mark Pointer  
 Recessional.....

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from the Erie County Department of Motor Vehicles as a supervisor in the Plate and and Mailing Division. His early retirement was prompted by his failing health. In spite of Jay's long term illness, he kept the faith and courage to persevere. He succumb to his illness Wednesday, October 14, 1992 at 12:35AM at Hospice, Buffalo.

He leaves to cherish his memory a beloved companion: Deloris Melson; the three above mentioned children and their spouses; a stepdaughter: Sharon Adams; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our family express sincere gratitude for your many kind expressions of sympathy and prayers for us and our loved one. To us he is not gone, but instead he now resides in a resting place of eternal peace, free from pain and suffering.

"I Do Not Go Alone"

If death should beckon me  
with out stretched hand  
and whisper softly of  
"An Unknown Land" I  
shall not be afraid to go,  
For though the path I do not know...  
I take Death's hand without a fear,  
For he who safely brought me here  
will also take me safely back,  
And though in many things I lack..  
He will not let me go alone  
Into the "Valley That's Unknown",  
so I reach out and take Death's Hand  
And journey to the "Promise Land".

## PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

**Doty Nash Funeral Home**

8620 SO. STONY ISLAND AVENUE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60617



## In Loving Memory Of



**Mr. Francis H. McCorkle**

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1993

7:30 P.M.

**DOTY NASH FUNERAL HOME, LTD.**

8620 South Stony Island Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

**Rev. Elmer Spraggins**  
Officiating



## Obituary

**FRANCIS PARVEL MC CORKLE**, was born on December 9, 1923 in Gaffney, South Carolina; the youngest child of Reverend and Mrs. E. A. McCorkle.

He became a christian in his early years, joining under his father's pastorate.

"**FRANK**" as he was fondly called, completed his public school education in Gaffney and then attended Johnson C. Smith University, where his father was teaching. Later he moved to Cleveland, Ohio where he attended Fenn College and Cleveland College after a short stint at Ohio University.

During World War II Frank served in the United States Army. Returning to Cleveland, he met and married Gloria Turner McCorkle.

As an Insurance Agent his work caused them to move to Chicago, Illinois; where their only child was born.

Frank made his transition into eternity Thursday evening March 25, 1993. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

He was an avid checker player and sports enthusiast.

He leaves to mourn his passing one daughter, Sheila Kizzart, three grandsons: Justin, Jordan and Javen Kizzart all of San Antonio, Texas; son-in-law, Dr. Jerome Kizzart, a niece, Cathy Smedely Martin of Charlotte North Carolina; sister-in-law, Julia McCorkle of Cleveland, Ohio and many other dear relatives and friends.

## Order Of Service

PROCESSIONAL

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Ednarene Smith

SCRIPTURE READING..... Minister

PRAYER .....Minister

MUSICAL SELECTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONDOLENCES

MUSICAL SELECTION

TRIBUTE.....Sheila Kizzart

OBITUARY.....Read Silently

SPIRITUAL WORDS OF  
COMFORT

Rev. Elmer Spraggins

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

**INTERMENT TO FOLLOW**

**OAKLAND MEMORY LANES  
15200 S. Michigan City Rd  
Dolton Illinois**

### ***My Tribute to Papa***

***P*** is for prayer, powerful and strong

***A*** is for ambassador of wisdom -  
underneath that jolly, unaffected nature was  
a deep discernment of all things.

***P*** is for pal - my friend and Dad!

***A*** is for agape love for all people.

***I Love You Papa.***

*Dorothy*

*God saw the road was getting rough,  
The hills were hard to climb;  
He gently closed those weary eyes,  
And whispered, "Peace be thine."  
The weary hours, the days of pain  
The sleepless nights are passed,  
The ever patient worn - out frame  
Has found sweet rest at last.*



### ***Acknowledgements***

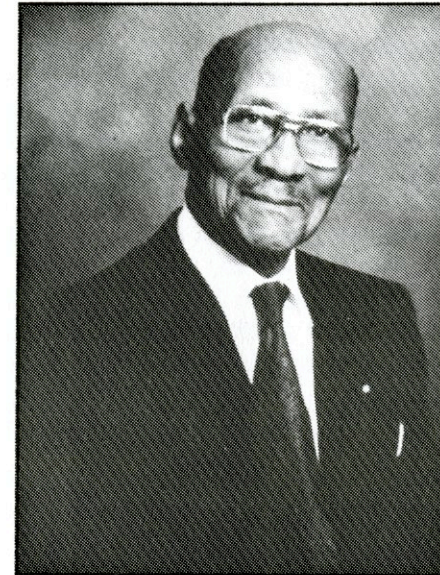
The family wishes to acknowledge gratefully the many acts of kindness shown throughout the period of illness and bereavement with sincere thanks. May God bless each of you.

***— The Family***

## ***Home - Going Services***

*for*

***Deacon Curvis Smith McDuffie***



*"Be friendly and love people!"*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1989

1:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH**

15 Pine Street

Buffalo, New York



***Rev. Leslie Braxton, Pastor***



## OBITUARY



Deacon Curvis Smith McDuffie was born December 16, 1896 in Basburg, South Carolina to the union of the late Allen McDuffie, and Narcisus (Smith) McDuffie. He was the only son of five children.

He passed away in his home at 2:20 a.m., Monday, November 27, 1989.

After induction and discharge from the U.S. Army in World War I, he served on the police force in Cleveland, Ohio. Later he moved his residence to Alliance, Ohio, where he met and married his late wife, Lillian Nelson McDuffie. To this union two children were born: Dorothy and the late Curvis, Jr.

He came to Buffalo in 1928 with his family and joined Shiloh Baptist Church under the pastorage of the late Rev. E.J. Echols, Sr. As a youngster, he was inspired by Christian parents and he continued to follow their precept and example.

He received several awards for outstanding and dedicated service having served as deacon and deacon emeritus for a number of years. He was also a former member of the Pulaski, Ga. Order of the Masons.

Deacon McDuffie was a friend and inspiration to all who were privileged to know him. He was affectionately known as "Uncle Mack" and "Poppa".

He was well liked by his colleagues and retired from Donna Hanna Coke Company.

Deacon Curvis Smith McDuffie leaves to cherish his memory; a devoted daughter: Dorothy Alexander of Buffalo; one sister: Margret Atkins of Alliance, Ohio; six nephews: Robert (Elaine) Johnson and Elmer Johnson of Buffalo, N.Y., Rev. John (Zenobia) Rhyne of Minneapolis, Minn., Councilman Curvis (Bernice) Rhyne, Charles (Dorothy) Johnson, and Clarence (Nellie Ruth) Johnson of Alliance, Ohio; two nieces: Mable Rhyne and Benita Middlton of Alliance, Ohio; two sisters-in-law: Theresa Simmons and Mary Conley of Chicago, Illinois; three cousins, grandnephews, grandnieces and other relatives and friends.

*"Old soldiers never die, they just fade away!"*

— Favorite motto of  
**Deacon McDuffie**

## ORDER OF SERVICE



Prelude

Processional ..... *"Walking Up the King's Highway"*

Invocation

Selection ..... *"I Will Trust In the Lord"*

Scripture

Old Testament ..... *23rd Psalm*

New Testament ..... *Hebrews 11:1*

Prayer

Selection ..... *"Everybody Will Be Happy"*

Tributes:

Deacon Joseph Peebles, Chairman  
Board of Deacons  
Deacon Judson Price  
Rev. John Dixon

Remarks ..... Rev. Henry Hall  
Rev. Dr. Paul Thompson

Solo ..... Rev. Joseph Chavis

Acknowledgements ..... Mrs. Theonia Warren

Resolutions

Obituary

Solo ..... Ms. Audrey Dixon

Eulogy ..... Rev. Leslie Braxton

Recessional ..... *"Amen"*

### PALL BEARERS

Deacon Board  
and  
Mr. William Byrd - Mr. Larry Williams  
*Interment*

**Forest Lawn Cemetery**

*Auspices*

**H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary, Inc.**

968 Jefferson Ave.

Buffalo, New York 14204



started a newspaper by the name of Buffalo Minature News, which Mr. Merriweather printed for me, but it did not survive. He stimulated Blacks to go into business in a dignified manner. I spent many hours as an adolescent talking to him in his shop, and this broadened my view as to who I was and what I could become.

**CLEO REID**

Second Black Woman To Run For Public Office  
Retired Recreation Leader

Mr. Merriweather and I had a lot of good conversations together. He not only encouraged me to go into politics, but gave me the motivation to be the second woman to run for public office. He thought more women should go into politics, but that they lacked determination and direction.

He extended the same kind of parenting to other children who surrounded him as he did his own children.

I learned much about Black History from him.

#### STANDARDS FOR THE FRANK E. MERRIWEATHER, SR. AWARD

This is the highest award given by the Masten Ward Republican Committee. This Award is given for dynamic leadership in Republican Politics. It is given for commitment and devotion to the party. The recipient must have made a community service contribution to the recipient's local voting district, county and/or state.

The Award is given to a person who is creative and progressive and is capable of translating ideas into action.

The award is given to one who is industrious and energetic and who willingly volunteers time, effort, energy and financial support (dues paid).

The recipient of this Award must be able to get along well with and relate effectively to the various nationalities, racial, economic and social groups.

The length, duration and impact of the political contributions will be a factor.

The candidate must be active and impacting in the work and the party for at least one year.

THE BUFFALO CRITERION - 625 William St. - 853-2973

## A TRIBUTE

— To —



**Frank Elliott Merriweather, Sr.**

1886 - 1959

**Pioneer**

**Politician**

**Patriot**

**Publisher**

**Printer**

**Patriarch**



## Frank E. Merriweather, Sr.

Although his name passed into history on November 8, 1959, the contributions of Frank E. Merriweather, Sr., to Buffalo's growth and expansion for Blacks, civically, politically and economically are still being felt.

He founded the Criterion Press in 1923 and the Buffalo Criterion Newspaper in 1925. He graduated from Tuskegee Institute in Alabama with a degree in Journalism in 1910. He had been taught by Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee's founder and by George Washington Carver, the peanut scientist.

Frank Merriweather believed that "The pen is mightier than the sword." He pioneered in championing every issue affecting Blacks in his publication, The Buffalo Criterion Newspaper. These issues included housing, employment, education and civil rights on the state and federal levels. He promoted such concepts as "Spend where you can earn," and "Representation is needed on the Buffalo School Board."

Born in San Antonio, Texas, in 1886, he migrated to Buffalo in 1922 with his wife and family and had great insight into the value of political togetherness for Blacks. In 1928, he, with his wife, organized the first political clubs for Blacks in Buffalo, the Booker T. Washington Republican Club for men and the Martha Washington Republican Club for women. He was responsible for political education and growth and increased voter registration among Blacks. One of his first efforts was a drive in the then Fifth Ward of securing Black committeemen and committeewomen, which eventually led to the first Black controlled ward committee in Buffalo.

One Committeewoman, the late Mrs. Bessie Williams, continued this role for 52 years, from 1928 to 1980 when she died. He prodded Sherman L. Walker into running and in becoming the first Black elected Erie County Supervisor.

He was patriotic and dedicated to the ideals of justice and freedom for all citizens. His acquaintances called him "Mr. Republican."

Mr. Merriweather was the first Black male appointed Public Bath House Keeper on William and Bennett Streets, in 1930. In 1933, he was appointed as an Aide to

New York State Assemblyman Frank X. Bernhardt for two terms in Albany, New York.

During the Great Depression, everyday Mr. Merriweather would feed in his home his less fortunate friends and neighbors who were hungry. He sometimes put up property bail for men who were arrested. When released prisoners would seek temporary employment by him, and although unanticipated, he would always find something for them to do to help them get restarted in life, even if he had to send them to his home to do handyman's work.

Mr. Merriweather encouraged young people to develop to their maximum potential. Many young people felt free to come into the "Print Shop", as it was called, exchange ideas and get advice at any time. Many newcomers who arrived by the New York Central Railroad said they had been referred by the Red Caps to Mr. Merriweather as a person who had the reputation of helping people get started in Buffalo.

He believed that Blacks should be more knowledgeable about the operation and mechanics of electing a President and of the organization of a national political convention.

In 1944, Frank E. Merriweather and Dr. Myron S. McGuire, another political pioneer went to the Wendell Wilke Convention in Chicago and attended the functions non-delegates were eligible to attend, thereby learning a great deal about conventions and making many valuable contacts. Long before Blacks were sent as delegates from this area, these two men paid their own expenses to several state and national political meetings.

Another highlight in his career was attending a 100-dollar-a-plate dinner of the Crispus Attucks Republican League of which he was a pillar. The dinner was held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City during a convention.

In 1945, Mr. Merriweather was endorsed by the American Labor Party for County Supervisor of the Fifth Ward (now called Erie County Legislator of the Ellicott District). He had been previously elected district Republican Committeeman and Ward Chairman.

Frank, Sr., was bright, strong, courageous, versatile, determined and witty. He was direct, blunt and to the



point. He was capable of thinking academically, abstractly and mechanically. He assembled and repaired his own printing machinery.

He was also good at farming.

He possessed an unusual sense of humor and laughed frequently and heartily as he turned the daily oppressions and injustices of life into jokes. He was never bitter over challenges, stresses and "bad breaks".

He was gifted in being able to communicate and relate effectively and to win the respect of people from all walks of life, all races, nationalities, age and religious groups.

LEELAND N. JONES, JR.  
First Black Elected Councilman  
Recollections From My Childhood

Mr. Merriweather believed that everyone should learn from childhood an art, some academic skills and a trade. This I know from my early years in his printing shop, The Buffalo Criterion, with his son, my companion and truly older type brother, Frank, Jr.

Music: He tried his best to get me to learn to play the violin like his son. What a waste of time with me! Or was it? And, however, I learned to love music and appreciate the artists. His children — susceptible to his everyday influences — can be remembered in Black history for their musical contributions in our area.

Printing: In the back of his house, we learned the very basics of the trade from a small toy press that Frank Jr.'s father insisted we know how to put to use, before the even more thrilling childhood chore/game of cleaning the printer's ink from the real press. Perhaps that was a contributing influence in my later marrying my wife of over forty years, Carlita Murphy of the Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper family.

Politics: He and my father, Leeland N. Jones, Sr., were Republican Committeemen long before I cast my first 21-year-old vote. Their belief, then, was to support those who support you. (My father and I helped in leading the way toward enjoying a two-party system). Mr. Merriweather's concept of strongly supporting ways to benefit Blacks in their demands as an integral part of the American scene, always prevailed.

Julia Jones and Carmelita Merriweather, were the backbones of the families. Mr. Merriweather was noted for his strong and long devotion, and his counseling and teachings to those of us, his children.

## **Reminiscing**

MRS. E. E. (Alberta) NELSON  
Retired Teacher and Widow of Dr. E. E. Nelson

He was a good friend of my late husband, Dr. E. E. Nelson. Mr. Merriweather was always interested in anything beneficial to his race.

DR. MYRON S. McGUIRE, D.D.S.  
First Endorsed Black to Run For City Councilman

Frank was resourceful and knew his people.

JESSE E. NASH, JR.  
Former Model Cities Director  
College Professor - Musician

I remember Mr. Merriweather from the time I was a little boy. He dealt mainly with my father (Rev. J. E. Nash, Sr.). However, I remember his exceptional sensitivity to his environment. I remember that he laughed an awful lot. He made jokes about adversity in life. He was straight forward, direct and to the point.

I remember him as a businessman, family and community man and a friendly person to a child.

He was a hardworking man, very articulate and his deep and accurate introspection resulted in his carrying a heavy burden - uncommon and insightful for his time.

CHARLES "Eggshell" RUSH  
Founder of the Ross-Freeman Democratic Club  
Former Clerk of the City Council - Retired Businessman  
Committeeman

I was so greatly influenced by Mr. Merriweather that I wanted to go into the newspaper business myself. I

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

Carmelita Merriweather

November 10, 1892

February 16, 1978

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor: Let not your hearts be weary or heavy laden, for a servant of our God has fought the good fight, finished the race, and has kept the faith.

PEOPLE: WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE LIFE OF Carmelita Merriweather, MAY THOSE WHO MOURN BE BLESSED AND COMFORTED.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

Pastor: Let us Pray.

The Congregation in Unison

O God, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, and that in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: Draw near to us now with thy mighty power and steadfast love, that in thy presence we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Hymn of Praise and Adoration . . . No. 28  
"O God Our Help In Ages Past"

The Words of Scripture. . . II Timothy 4:1-8  
The Reverend Willard A. Williams

Moments of Silence and Reflection

The Words of Assurance

Ministry of Music . . . . .The Senior Choir

The Meditation. . . "The Good Fight of Faith"  
The Reverend Walter C. Barton, Jr.

The Eulogy. . The Reverend William H. Horner

The Hymn of Trust and Assurance No. 209  
"Be Still My Soul;  
The Lord Is On Thy Side"

Benediction

Postlude

Who walks with God must make his way  
Across far distances and gray,  
To goals that others do not see,  
Where others do not care to be.

Who walks with God must have no fear  
When danger and defeat appear;  
Nor stop when hope seems all but gone,  
For God, our God, moves ever on.

Who walks with God must press ahead  
When sun or cloud is overhead;  
When all the waiting thousands cheer  
Or when they only stop to sneer.

When all the challenges leave the hours  
And naught is left but jaded powers;  
But he will someday reach the dawn,  
FOR GOD, OUR GOD, MOVES EVER ON.

....The family gratefully acknowledges with sincere appreciation the comforting thoughtfulness of many friends and neighbors, expressed in prayer, cards, messages of sympathy and many acts of kindness.

*A Loving Thank You,  
Mother  
For the thoughtful things  
you've done  
Without expecting words of praise  
to come from anyone  
For making home a warmer place  
than words can ever tell,  
For all your understanding  
and your precious love,  
As well ....  
Love Vera and Butch*



### **Acknowledgements**

The family wishes to thank each and everyone of you for your loving acts of kindness.

God Bless You All

The family respectfully requests that due to the strain on the family because of this sudden loss that after the funeral service they might return to their home in privacy. They offer their thanks to all who showed their concerns towards them.

The Family

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## **Obsequies**

of the late

# **Johnnie Viola Middleton**

1916 — 1994



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 1994  
11:00 a.m.**

**Humboldt Parkway  
Baptist Church**

790 Humboldt Parkway  
Buffalo, New York 14211



**Reverend John T. Hilliard, Pastor**



## Obituary



Johnnie Viola Middleton was born on June 30, 1916 in Macon, Mississippi. She was the daughter of the late Willie and Charlotte Jackson.

She married the late Robert Lee Clark, and from this union two daughters were born: Vera and Johnnie.

In 1940 she moved to Buffalo, New York, where she met and married the late William Middleton.

Johnnie was an employee of Harrison Radiator, and after giving thirty one and one half years, she retired.

For many years she was a supportive member of the Humboldt Parkway Baptist Church, where she joined under the pastorate of the late Rev. Porter W. Phillips.

She was lovingly known by everyone as "NaNa". Nana departed this life suddenly on July 23, 1994 in her sleep at home.

She leaves to cherish her memory two loving daughters: Vera L. Gerstner and Johnnie B. Cummings; four grandsons: Curtis (Jeanette) Cummings, James (Charlotte) Moore, Delmar Cummings, and Darren Gerstner; ten great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild; one devoted Godson: William Bailey of Minneapolis, Minn.; one sister-in-law: Ethel Middleton; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

## Order of Service



Processional ..... "Soon and Very Soon"  
Margaret Wilkinson, pianist

Solo ..... Jean Shackleford

Scripture Reading ..... Psalm 23

Prayer

Selection #325 ..... "We'll Understand It Better"  
Choir

Acknowledgements

Obituary ..... Mrs. Lula Graham

Solo ..... Latoya Marie Moore  
Great Granddaughter

Eulogy ..... Rev. John T. Hilliard

Recessional ..... "Lord I'm Coming Home"

**Interment**  
Buffalo Cemetery

**Auspices**  
Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home, Inc.  
995 Genesee Street, Buffalo, New York 14211

**Ballbearers**

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Curtis Cummings | Darren Gerstner |
| James L. Moore  | Frank Hudson    |
| Delmar Cummings | Marvin Johnson  |

**Honorary Ballbearers**

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| William Bailey | Joseph Anthony |
|----------------|----------------|

From the Grandchildren

"Free as a bird  
Safe from harmm  
Never feeling pain, never have to cry.  
A home going celebration for my loving  
Grandpa,  
He's free, he's free, He's free  
Full of love and happiness  
We all love you and miss you."

Love Always,  
Your Grandchildren

"Blessed are they who make it known  
That I'm loved, respected and not alone.  
Blessed are they who know that I am at a loss.  
To find the strength to carry the cross.  
Blessed are they who ease the days  
On my journey home in loving ways."

The family gratefully acknowledges all of the  
kindness shown them during bereavement.

**Pallbearers**

P.M. Clarence Dennis P.M Edward Stevens  
P.M. William Lewis Bro. Charles Madison Bro.  
Nathanliel Stevenson  
Mr. Nick Logan

**Honorary Pallbearers**

P.G.M. Charles Mc Garral  
P.M. Rev. Otis Vaughn  
P.G.P John C. Kemp

**Arrangements**

Edwards Funeral Home  
995 Genesee St.  
Buffalo, New York 14211

*In Loving Memory*  
Of  
*Percy L. Moore*

*Aug. 16, 1903*

*April 12, 1994*



**St. Phillips Episcopal Church**  
15 Fernhill Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14215

**Father Julius W. D. Jackson - Celebrant**



## Obituary

Mr. Percy Lee Moore was born to Mr. & Mrs. Christine Moore of Chatanooga, Tennessee on August 16, 1903.

He was graduated from Hutchinson Central High School in Buffalo, New York, and attended St. Paul Military School in Lawrenceville, Virginia. He was a member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church and served on the altar with Fr. Osmond H. Brown. Mr. Moore was a member of the Buffalo Tennis Club and was affiliated with the Chapel of Cedar Street for forty years.

Percy was a Charter Member, Past Master and life member of Paramount Lodge #73 P.H.A. He was a life member of the Hadji Temple #61 and served on the Pastoral Team for many years. He was member of Bisen Consistory #29. Percy Lee Moore married Louise B. Moore nee Langford on January 1, 1935 in Rochester, NY.

He retired from the National Aniline Company, Inc. in 1969 after 27 years of employment.

He leaves to mourn, his loving wife Louise, with whom he spent 59 beautiful years with, a daughter Mary Virginia Logan of Buffalo, NY, and son Russell P. Moore (Raheem A. Shabaka) of Johannesburg, South Africa, two brother's-in-law, three sister's-in-law, three granddaughter's Ayishia, Mariama and Niambe Moore. Two grandson's, James R. Logan and Raheem Jr., two great-grand daughters, Chante Richmond and Aja Crim-Logan, several cousins and a host of loving friends.

## Order of Service

**The Burial Of The Dead: Rite I I  
Burial Offices and Holy Eucharist**

**Hymnal**

**Prayer Book**

**Organ Prelude**

**The Liturgy Of The Word**

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| 325  | LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER        |     |
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|      | Post Communion Prayer ( Kneel)     | 482 |
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| 208  | THE STRIFE IS O'ER THE BATTLE DONE |     |
|      | <b>Organ Postlude</b>              |     |

*God saw the road was getting rough*

*The hills were hard to climb*

*He gently closed those loving eyes*

*And whispered, "peace be thine".*

*The weary hours, the days of pain*

*The sleepless nights are passed.*

*The ever patient worn out frame*

*Has found sweet rest at last.*

*Alone unto our Father's will*

*One thought has reconciled;*

*That He whose love exceeded ours,*

*Hath taken home his child.*

*— Submitted by the Family*

**... Acknowledgments ...**

The family wishes to thank all of our friends  
for their kind expressions of sympathy shown to us  
during this time of bereavement.

**God Bless You All.**

**HOME GOING SERVICES**

— for —

Mrs. Clara Marie Morton

1903

1986



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1986

10:00 a.m.

I have fought a good fight,  
I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith:  
Henceforth there is laid up  
for me a crown of righteousness,  
which the Lord, the righteous  
judge, shall give me at that day:

- II Timothy 4:7-8

DURHAM MEMORIAL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH  
174 Eagle Street Buffalo, NY 14206

Reverend Robert Linder, Pastor

## OBITUARY

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Mrs. Clara Marie Morton was born on April 12, 1903 to the late Edward and Sally Harriston.

Later in life she was united in Holy Matrimony to the late James M. Morton. She joined Durham Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church over 30 years ago. She was a faithful member of the Deaconess and Sisterhood Board.

Clara Marie Morton entered into eternal life with God on Sunday afternoon, December 7, 1986 at Sister's Hospital in Buffalo, New York, after a lengthy illness.

She leaves to mourn one daughter, Myrtle, two granddaughters, Helen and Viola, five great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren; also, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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Processional

Invocation

Opening Hymn: Choir

Scriptures: Reverend Robert Linder

Hymn.....Precious Lord

Prayer: Reverend Otis Wilson

Obituary: Sarah Pittman

Hymn.....Will He Know Me

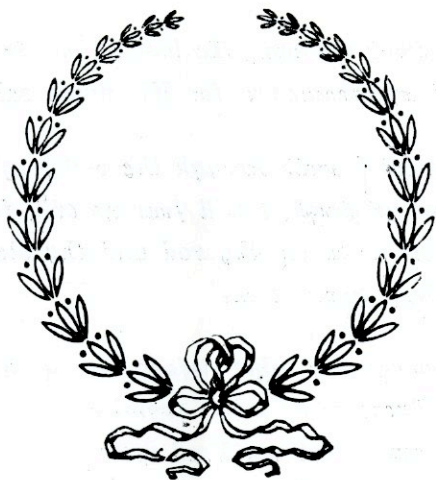
Eulogy.....Reverend Robert Linder

Hymn: Choir

Benediction

IN MEMORY

of



MR . JAMES M. MORTON

Buffalo, New York

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

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*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.*

*He leadeth me besides the still waters*

*He restoreth my soul, He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for His name sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for  
thou art with me. thy rod and thy staff  
they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the  
Presence of mine enemies.*

*Thou annointest my head with oil  
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life  
and I will dwell in the house of the  
Lord forever.*

IN MEMORIAM

of

MR . JAMES M. MORTON

Born September 6, 1897

Services from Durham Memorial A. M. E.  
Zion Church

Saturday, November 14, 1970 — 1:00 p. m.

Clergyman Officiating  
REV. SAMUEL BROWN

FINAL RESTING PLACE  
THE BUFFALO CEMETERY



*From the Gospel  
according to  
John 14: 1-6*

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*"Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Have faith in God and faith in me.  
In my Father's house there are many dwelling places;  
Otherwise, how could I have told you  
That I was going to prepare a place for you?  
I am indeed going to prepare a place for you,  
And then I shall come back to take with me,  
That where I am, you also may be.  
You know the way that leads where I go."*

*"Lord," said Thomas, "We do not know  
Where you are going. How can we know the way?"  
Jesus told him: "I am the way and the truth,  
And the life; no one comes to the Father  
But through me..."*

**... Pall Bearers ...**

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Johnny Hines      | Princeton Browne |
| Vincent Mostiller | Ira Roberts      |
| Donald Mostiller  | Eric Wright      |

**... Honorary Pall Bearers ...**

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Cleveland Flemming | Douglas Harris |
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**... Acknowledgments ...**

The family gratefully acknowledges the many acts of kindness shown to them during their hour of bereavement.

**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
— of —  
**Muriel Lentine Mostiller**

1924

1985



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1985

9:30 a.m.

**ST. JAMES  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

496 Terrance Blvd.

Depew, New York 14043

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**Msgr. Joseph P. Wacławski, Pastor**



## OBITUARY



Muriel Lentine Mostiller was born in Buffalo, New York to Lloyd and the late Helen Maude Breman. She succumbed on march 16, 1985 after a brief illness.

She was joined in holy matrimony to Carl Mostiller, Jr. on November 21, 1943. from this union came six sons: Carl III, Michael, Terrance, Dennis, Conrad, Conroy, and one daughter: Beverly.

She was employed for thirty years at Millard Fillmore Hospital, both Buffalo and Suburban Hospital. She retired in June, 1984.

Muriel Mostiller leaves to mourn her passing, her beloved husband: Carl; six sons, one daughter, fourteen grandchildren; father: Lloyd; brother: Norris; sister: Daisy and Brontie Bleman; nieces, nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

## REQUIEM MASS



Processional ..... Precious Lord  
Blessing ..... With Water and  
Placing of the Pall  
Reading I ..... Psalm 91-IV Verse 13, 14, 15  
Reading II ..... Revelation 21: 1-5 6-7  
Alleluia Verse (sung)  
Gospel ..... Msgr. Joseph P. Wacławski  
Homily ..... Msg. Joseph P. Wacławski  
Prayer of the Faithful  
Offertory  
Lord's Prayer  
Communion ..... Amazing Grace  
Meditation  
Obituary  
Recessional ..... Soon and Very Soon

*Interment:*  
**Mt. Calvary Cemetery**

*Auspices:*  
**H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary, Inc.**



— Pallbearers —

Ralph Gibbs, Sr.  
Ralph Gibbs, Jr.  
Edward Humphrey

Joseph Stokes  
Cortez Wells  
Edward Neeley



*"The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
Whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life;  
Of whom shall I be afraid."*

*27:Psalm:1*

Gram,

You taught me so much and touched my life in such a special way. You were more than any Grandmother ever could or ever should be. The 27th Psalm describes you so perfectly because when I think of you - I think of strength.

I love you Gram. I will always remember you. Rest Well.

Love, David E. Nixon II

— Acknowledgement —

The family gratefully acknowledges with sincere and deep appreciation, the comforting thoughtfulness of their many friends and neighbors expressed through many acts of kindness.

In Loving Memory  
of

**Ella Belle Nixon**

1930

1994



Saturday, February 19, 1994  
Wake: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Funeral: 11:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH  
184 Goodell Street • Buffalo, New York

Reverend Bennett W. Smith, Sr., Pastor





— *Obituary* —

Ella Belle Nixon was born on November 11, 1930 in Buffalo, New York, daughter of Geneva Green and the late Willie D. Green. She departed this life on Tuesday, February 15, 1994 in Sisters Hospital.

Ella confessed Christ at an early age, and united with St. John Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. B.C. McCarley. Ella was a devoted member until illness disabled her. She attended Public School #75 and Hutchinson Central High School. Ella was employed by the Veterans Administration Hospital, retiring after 31 years.

She leaves in loving memory, her beloved mother, Geneva Green; a loving son, David Eric Nixon; six grandchildren, the eldest, David E. Nixon II; one sister, Betty (Herminio) Velazquez of Buffalo, New York; two brothers: William (Eleanor) Green of Holiday, Florida and Leonard (Merain) Caldwell of Buffalo, New York; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends including dear friends - Joseph Stokes, Jessie Wells and Diane Harris.



— *Order of Service* —

Processional

Selection ..... Choir

Scripture

Old Testament ..... Rev. Terrence McKissick

New Testament ..... Varick Metropolitan  
AME Zion Church

Prayer ..... Rev. Marlin Smith  
Cousin

Solo ..... "Faith"  
Selena Smith

Acknowledgements

and Obituary ..... Mrs. Ruth Brown

Selection ..... Choir

Eulogy ..... Rev. Michael Chapman

Recessional

— *Interment* —

Forest Lawn Cemetery

— *Auspices* —

EXODUS GARDENS FUNERAL HOME, INC.

605 Masten Avenue

Buffalo, New York 14209

For Mom (10/5/92)  
and  
Aunt Bet (4/3/93)

*Six months ago, we lost our mother,  
We gather together to mourn yet another.*

*We saw their suffering and their pain,  
That part of life left unexplained.*

*But the Lord is the one who knew,  
He saw two Angels come into view.*

*He took them into His loving arms,  
And freed them from pain, sickness and harm.*

*We all have said I'll share your sorrow,  
If not today, maybe tomorrow.*

*He found a way to show us too,  
That no tomorrow is promised you.*

*He is the one who must decide  
Who is to live and who is to die.*

*So, always prepare as you go along,  
It's a matter of time before we move on.*

*Often we find our chance has gone  
To say I loved you all along.*

*For those of us who have to stay  
Give all the love you have today.*

*Too many tomorrows have gone away.*

Sadly Missed and Always Loved  
Terri Joy McDavis

In Loving Memory  
of



*Betty Oliver*

April 29, 1931

April 3, 1993

Thursday, April 8, 1993

PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH  
655 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, New York

Rev. R. D. Halloway, Pastor





— *Obituary* —

Betty Oliver (Smith) was born April 29, 1931, in Greenville, Pennsylvania to Clifton (deceased) and Annie Smith. The family later moved to Buffalo, where Betty attended Buffalo schools. She accepted Christ at an early age and united with Pilgrim Baptist Church where she has served for many years. She was currently serving as President of the Nurses Guild.

Betty was united in holy matrimony to Harges Oliver in 1954. Betty was employed by Staff Builders Inc. until she became ill.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory: her mother, Annie Drew; one sister, Bernice Dean (John); two brothers: Thomas Smith (Cynthia) and Ronald (Gloria); sisters-in-law: Carrie Smith, Barbara Smith, Lessie B. Taylor and Ozella Adams (Q.D.); brother-in-law, William Faulks; along with many loving nephews, nieces and cherished friends.

— *Order of Service* —

Organ Prelude.....Paul Echols  
Song.....Pilgrim Choir  
Scripture Reading  
Song....."Amazing Grace"  
Prayer  
Solo....."Precious Lord"  
Freddie Staples  
  
Telegrams and Condolences  
Obituary.....Read by LaDonna Carter  
Remarks  
Solo....."May The Works I've Done"  
Paul Echols  
Eulogy.....Rev. R. D. Halloway  
Recessional

— *Interment* —

Ridge Lawn Cemetery

— *Auspices* —

H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY, INC.  
968 Jefferson Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14204

## WHEN I MUST LEAVE YOU

*When I must leave you for a little while  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same,  
feed not your loneliness on empty days  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,  
Reach out your hands in comfort  
And in Cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you  
And hold you near;  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky.*

## THE FAMILY



## Acknowledgements

The family wishes to thank their many friends for their kindness and prayers in their hour of sorrow.

The Family

In Loving Memory  
of

**Harges Oliver**

January 14, 1923

August 19, 1991



FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1991

**Pilgrim Baptist Church**

665 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, New York



*Rev. R. D. Holloway, Pastor*



## Obituary



Harges Oliver was born on January 14, 1923 in Syllacoga, Alabama to the late James and Hixie Oliver. He accepted Christ at the age of twelve (12) in Aldridge, Alabama. Later he united with Pilgrim Baptist Church of Buffalo.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II, having received an honorable discharge in 1943.

Before coming to Buffalo he was an employee of the coal mines. Upon arriving in Buffalo he became an employee of Curtis Wright. Later he became an employee of International Chimney until his retirement in 1983. He was united in holy matrimony to the former Betty Smith in 1954.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory a devoted wife: Betty; two sisters: Lessie Taylor (Willie deceased), Ozella Adams (Q.D.), also brother of Eddie Lee Turner (deceased), Morris (deceased), Ennis (deceased), Joyce <sup>Westbrooks</sup> Brooks (deceased). He also leaves to cherish his memory a loving mother-in-law: Annie Drew; four sisters and brothers-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

## Order of Service



Organ Prelude ..... Paul Echoels  
Song ..... Pilgrim Choir  
Scripture Reading  
Song ..... "Draw Me Closer"  
Prayer  
Solo ..... "Eyes Are On The Sparrow"  
Telegrams & Condolences ..... Mae Smith  
Obituary ..... Read Silent  
Song ..... "Too Close"  
Remarks  
Eulogy ..... Rev. R. D. Halloway  
Recessional

## Interment

Ridge Lawn Cemetery

## Auspices

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Buffalo, New York